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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES
REGION 20 (DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA) 700
MHZ AND 800 MHZ NPSPAC PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO
HOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

General Docket No. 90-7 and WT Docket 02-378

The Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia)¹ Regional Planning Committee (RPC) will hold a general membership meeting of the 700 MHz and 800 MHz Committees on May 20, 2015. The meetings will be held at the Prince George's County Public Safety Communications Center, located at 17321 Melford Drive, Bowie, MD. The 700 MHz meeting will start at 10:00AM and adjourn at the cessation of business. Following a short break, the 800 MHz meeting will begin and conclude upon the completion of business.

The primary purpose of the 700 MHz meeting will be to take such actions as are necessary to comply with the Report and Order found in FCC 14-172. This includes, but is not limited to,

- Review and approval of substantive changes in the Region 20 Plan as well as assignments of reserve frequencies assigned to the Regional Planning Committees by FCC 14-172.
- Review and approval of the channel plan amendments to allot the former reserve frequency pairs by Regions 28, 36, 42, and 44.
- Applications for spectrum from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration, Maryland FiRST, and the Virginia State Police STARS will be presented for approval plus other applications for reserve spectrum received during the current filing window ending on April 30, 2015.

Major J. Kenneth Hasenei of the Maryland State Police will provide an update on the progress with the Maryland FiRST radio system as well as adjunct State communications issues. John A. Evanoff, Attorney-Advisor of the Federal Communications Commission will provide a regulatory update on regional planning issues.

¹ The Region 20 regional planning area includes the District of Columbia, the entire state of Maryland, and the following jurisdictions in Northern Virginia: Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties; and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park Cities.

In addition to those matters related to FCC 14-172, any business pertaining to 800 MHz will be presented for Committee action. Finally, any other information for the good of the order will be shared with the members.

Both Region 20 700 MHz and 800 MHz Public Safety RPC meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in Region 20 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that eligible public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 20 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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